

Daily Report - Yosemite National Park

Friday, July 25, 2008

Weather

Yosemite: TODAY...SUNNY. HIGHS 86 TO 96 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...66 TO 76 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.
.TONIGHT...MOSTLY CLEAR. LOWS 54 TO 64 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...44 TO 54 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.
.SATURDAY...MOSTLY SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 86 TO 96 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...67 TO 77 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.
.SATURDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY. A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS IN THE EVENING. LOWS 51 TO 61 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY... 41 TO 51 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.
.SUNDAY...SUNNY IN THE MORNING...THEN PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS 82 TO 92 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...65 TO 75 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.
.SUNDAY NIGHT THROUGH THURSDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS. LOWS 50 TO 60 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...40 TO 50 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY. HIGHS 85 TO 95 IN YOSEMITE VALLEY...65 TO 75 IN THE HIGH COUNTRY.

El Portal: Today: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98. East northeast wind at 11 mph becoming west southwest.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. West southwest wind at 11 mph becoming northeast.

Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98. East northeast wind 5 to 13 mph becoming west southwest.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. West wind 5 to 11 mph becoming east northeast.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. East northeast wind at 11 mph becoming west southwest.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58.

Monday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97.

Happening Today/This Weekend (Check the Community News section for other events)

6th STREET CINEMA is a non-profit theater located in downtown Mariposa, atop the historic Masonic Lodge on 6th Street. We are the presentation arm of the Rural Media Arts and Education Project, a 501(c)(3) corporation, and are supported by the California Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, SierraTel, the James Irvine Foundation, Mariposa County, and the Geoff and Josie Fox Family Foundation, a Donor Advised fund of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. We are also generously supported by Iron Mountain Systems and Stonecutter.com. The views expressed by the films, in print materials, or by discussion facilitators are not necessarily those of these sponsors.

Monthly membership is \$12, allowing film entry for \$3 each; non-members pay \$7 per film, and non-member students pay \$5. Recorded Information: (209)966-1333. Staff: 209 742-6666. <http://www.sixthstreetcinema.org> E-mailus: sixthstreetcinema@sti.net

UPCOMING FILMS:

Sweeney Todd, July 25-26, 7:30 p.m. (T. Arfsten - 7/16/08)

PRESS RELEASE

This weekend, The Mariposa County Arts Council and its sponsors brings to Cousin Jack's Mariposa Evenings two homegrown favorites with a deep Mariposa heritage; on Friday, July 25th, enjoy Jimmy Collier and on Saturday July 26th Charlie's Country.

Singer/songwriter Jimmy Collier's repertoire blends folk, blues, gospel, country, and soul and has electrified audiences from Carnegie Hall and Madison Square Garden to Sesame Street and President Carter's Inauguration. His experiences as a performer echo some of the most important events of American culture, including working as a staff entertainer for Dr. Martin Luther King, crewing on Pete Seeger's musical sloop Clearwater, and portraying African Americans of the old

west. His songs have appeared on Folkways and Smithsonian recordings and in numerous books and magazines. Collier sings and plays contemporary, traditional and his original compositions on guitar and banjo, encouraging audience participation during his captivating performance. This renowned artist lives in Mariposa and seldom plays solo performances, making this a show not to miss.

Charlie's Country was formed by a young Charlie Wildt and his friend Tim Myers, 51 years ago (!) right here in Mariposa. After various personnel changes within the band over the years, these two founding members remain the heart of this great country group. They play "old-school" classic country by artists such as Merle Haggard, Hank Williams, Lefty Frissell and George Jones -not the pop-rock country music commonly heard on the radio today. Fans of country western music, a true American art form, will surely enjoy this treasured Mariposa band.

All performances for Mariposa Evenings will be held at the Mariposa County Arts Park, located on Hwy. 140, between 4th and 5th Streets, in downtown Mariposa. There is ample, free parking on 5th Street, just a pleasant stroll along the Creek Walkway to the park. Mariposa Evenings is made available through generous donations by local businesses, which are featured in our Mariposa Evenings program. Musicians donate their performances to the community, so tips are encouraged and appreciated. This activity is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Each performance will begin at 7:00 pm. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket for best seating. For more information call the Mariposa County Arts Council at (209) 966-3155, P.O. Box 2134 Mariposa CA 95338, Fax (209) 966-3962, email: info@arts-mariposa.org, or visit us on the web at: arts-mariposa.org.

New Today

Yosemite Bridge & Tunnel Inspections

July 28th thru July 30th---Consultants for the FHWA will be in the park completing routine bridge & tunnel inspections. The only traffic delays anticipated are on the Wawona Road at the new South Fork of the Merced River Bridge, however the traffic delays are expected to be less than 5-minutes. (M. Pieper - 7/25/08)

Bear Facts

Week of July 13- July 19, 2008

Slow down! 13 bears have been hit by vehicles this year.

Bear Incidents This Week

Parking Lots	3	\$420
Campgrounds	4	\$50
Other Areas (Concession Facilities and Residential Areas)	1	\$5
Backcountry	4	\$45
Total	12	\$520
		All areas Weekly Yearly Total
Parking Lots	83	\$30,320
Campgrounds	36	\$1,161

Other Areas (Concession Facilities and Residential Areas)	48	\$2,746
Backcountry Areas	11	\$238
Total	177	\$34,465

***Additionally there have been 19 bear incidents where bears have obtained trash left out or from trash cans or dumpsters that were not secure.**

Comparisons for the week of June 29- July 5

	1998	2008	Percent Change	2007	2008	Percent Change
Incidents	387	177	-54.26%	172	177	+2.91%
Damage	\$178,740	\$34,465	-80.72%	\$24,871	\$34,465	+38.58%

WEEKLY BEAR ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Yosemite Valley

Parking lot incidents went down this week with only two cars being broken into by bears. Campground activity seemed to pick up a bit, however. The Pines Campgrounds seemed to be a hot spot this week for numerous bears. As apples ripen, more bears may be coming in from areas outside of the Valley for the extra food source. This is a particularly important time to keep your food stored properly 24 hours a day so that bears that are not normally in the Valley do not become accustomed to human food.

Backcountry

Bear activity in Glen Aulin has continued this week. Most incidents in the backcountry occurred at Glen Aulin. There has been a bear in the Little Yosemite Valley area as well. Weather you are (T. Seher - 7/25/08)

Lunchtime Chat about Torres Del Paine

Interested in learning about our sister park, Torres Del Paine in Patagonia, Chile? Join Jen Nersesian and Vickie Mates for a brown bag presentation about their recent visit and work with our newest sister.

Tuesday, July 29 in El Portal, Large Breakroom, noon - 1 p.m. (V. Mates - 7/25/08)

Construction News

Glacier Point television repeaters will be temporarily out of service on Friday, 8 August 08 between 10:00AM and 2:00PM (appr) while upgrades are installed. When completed, non-satellite television viewers will receive ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS and Fox network signal from Fresno. The upgrade will also address the FCC February 2009 analog deadline. Non-satellite viewers will not need to purchase additional equipment to receive television signal after the 2009 analog cut off. (S. Ullmann - 7/24/08)

North and Southside Drive Rehabilitation

Southside Drive between Wawona Road and El Capitan Crossover—Grading and curb installation will continue this week. The first lift of paving is now complete in the eastern 1-mile segment, so they have scheduled to pulverize and grade the western 1-mile segment July 23rd thru August 15th and tentatively begin paving on August 17th with completion of paving by Labor Day. Night time detours and daytime work with one lane open to traffic.

Northside Drive between El Capitan Picnic Area and Hanging Valley—Continued headwall work and cleaning of the existing drainage channels.

Southside Drive between El Capitan Crossover and Housekeeping--Upon completion of paving west of El Capitan Crossover the Contractor plans to begin pulverizing and curb installation east of El Capitan Crossover (Tentatively scheduled to begin mid to late August with night time detours and after Labor Day with full closure.)

Big Oak Flat Road Sealing

Equipment repairs took longer than expected, however they plan to finish the centerline grinding on July 25th and they will complete the striping next week (July 27th thru August 1st).

Night time work July 24th thru August 1st with 15-minute delays and daytime work with 5-minute delays. (M. Pieper/G. Rothell - 7/25/08)

Reconstruct El Portal Road at the “narrows”

Replacement of the damaged electrical wiring will require power outages for Yosemite Valley/Glacier Point over a period of 3 days. Materials are on order.

Final paving is delayed until electrical repairs are completed. (G. Rothell - 7/25/08)

Tunnel View

Walkway and drainage work is ongoing in both the North and South lots.

Work in the South lot is requiring it be closed to parking.

Wawona Tunnel Ventilation Repair

Design of the ventilation system is ongoing.

Sidewalk panel replacement and repairs to the fan shafts are ongoing

Rehabilitate North Pines Lift Station (Part of CIP 1)

Project is underway with one new pump already installed.

Replace Gas Chlorination Systems at 5 Utility Plants

Demolition work at the Tuolumne Plant continues.

Work at White Wolf as soon as containment pond is pumped down to suitable level.

Work at the Hodgdon wastewater treatment plant is underway. The plant is now capable of automatic and or timed run. Plant is using liquid chlorine.

West Village Utility Corridor (sewer line from Yosemite School to Oak Lane to Ranger Y)

Pre Con held on 7/21. Work is expected to begin on August 11.

Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvements (CIP 2)

Cleanup at North end of Lower Pines CG is ongoing.

Replacement of manhole and sewer line in front of SAR cache will begin July 28th and continue thru August 1st.

Replacement of damaged sewer line near the intersection of Indian Canyon Dr. and Village Dr. will begin on July 31st and continue thru August 1st.

Manhole collars and clean out pads will be poured on July 25th. (G. Rothell - 7/25/08)

Hodgdon Meadow Duplex Installation - The contractor has completed work on the concrete foundation, floor framing, and wall framing. Electrical work, roofing, and insulation will begin the week of 06/23/08 and continue through the next few weeks. Construction is scheduled to continue through the spring and summer and be completed in September. (J. Chisum - 6/19/08)

Park News

Announcing scoping period for the Yosemite National Park High-Elevation Aquatic Resources Management Plan
Yosemite National Park is preparing a High-Elevation Aquatic Resources Management Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) to guide management actions by the National Park Service to protect Yosemite's diverse high-elevation aquatic ecosystems and to restore natural composition, structure and function to systems that have been disturbed by past or ongoing human activities.

The plan will include the lakes, ponds, wet meadows and streams located in the high country above Yosemite Valley and the diverse plants and animals that inhabit these environments. The EA will consider:

Removal of non-native fish from selected areas of the park to restore natural biodiversity in critical basins. Chemical removal of non-native fish is not currently being considered in this plan.

High-quality recreational fishing opportunities would continue to be available in diverse habitats throughout the park. Restoration of Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frogs, Yosemite toads, and other species to suitable locations within their historic range that are strategically important to survival of these species.

The development of Best Management Practices for recreational and administrative activities within high-elevation aquatic ecosystems to ensure that park resources and values remain unimpaired. This includes:

preventative measures to avoid the introduction or spread of non-native species or pathogens that may threaten native species or their habitats.

evaluation of human use within aquatic environments in order to ensure that human use does not result in loss of ecological function (e.g., campsites, pack stock use, trails).

The National Park Service is requesting public input on the scope of the Aquatic Plan EA from **June 23, 2008** through **July 25, 2008**. Two public meetings are currently scheduled. An Open House will take place on June 25, 2008 in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium from 1:00-5:00 pm and a public meeting will be held on July 12, 2008 at Parson's Lodge in Tuolumne Meadows from 1:00-4:00pm.

Written scoping comments should be **postmarked no later than July 25, 2008**. A draft document is expected to be available for public review in summer 2009. To request a hard copy or CD ROM version of the EA and to submit written comments, contact the National Park Service in person or by any of the means listed below:

Mail: Superintendent
Attn: High-Elevation Aquatic Resources Management Plan
P.O. Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95389

Phone: 209/379-1365; Fax: 209/379-1294

E-mail: Yose_Planning@nps.gov

PEPC: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>

Visit online: www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/aquatic.htm (T. Tucker - 6/11/08)

July 17, 2008

For Immediate Release

Yosemite National Park Invites Public To Open House

The National Park Service welcomes those interested to attend an Open House in Yosemite Valley on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium.

The public is invited to the Open House to:

Talk to park staff and listen to presentations given throughout the day

Review newly released documents and reports

Submit comments on proposed projects and ongoing implementation efforts

Planning efforts and projects that will be represented at this Open House are:

Yosemite Valley's Black Oaks

Are black oaks on the decline in Yosemite? Find out at the Open House.

Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan

Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan
Environmental Education Campus
Construction and Project Updates

To learn more about ongoing projects, add your name to the park's planning mailing list and receive the *Planning Update* newsletter as well as other planning-related notices, or submit your email address to receive Yosemite National Park's periodic electronic newsletter.

Mail: Superintendent
Attn: *Planning Mailing List*
National Park Service
P.O. Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95389
Fax: 209/379-1294
Email: YOSE_Planning@nps.gov
Web: www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/planning.htm

Visitors attending the Open House will have the entrance fee waived. If unable to attend, refer to the Yosemite National Park web site for a schedule of future Open House dates.

2008 Tuolumne Planning Workbook NOW AVAILABLE

On behalf of the Tuolumne River Plan team, the NPS is pleased to announce that the 2008 Tuolumne Planning Workbook is now available for review and comment through September 15. Copies are available upon request and will be distributed throughout Tuolumne Meadows at the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, the grill, the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center, and at Parsons Lodge.

To receive a copy, email your request to Yose_Planning@nps.gov, leave a phone message with your contact information at 209-379-1365, fax a request to 209-379-1294, or send your contact info by mail to Superintendent, attn: Tuolumne Workbook, PO Box 577, Yosemite, CA 95389. An online version can be viewed on the park's website at www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/2008wrkbk.htm.

The purpose of the Tuolumne Planning Workbook is to provide an update on the Tuolumne River Plan process and give the public and park staff an opportunity to review and comment on early planning ideas. The 2008 edition builds on the work presented in the 2007 Workbook and was developed in response to the nearly 300 workbook mail-back comment forms, letters, faxes, and emails received last summer. The latest workbook contains the following:

- An update on the planning process, including how the Merced River Plan litigation affects this planning effort

- Changes as a result of public comments on the 2007 workbook's preliminary alternative concepts

- The latest range of draft management alternatives for the Tuolumne River, including the NPS preferred alternative

- Early alternative site plan concepts for Tuolumne Meadows

- A mail-back comment form

This summer the NPS is hosting PUBLIC WORKSHOPS in Tuolumne Meadows at Parsons Lodge to discuss the Tuolumne River Plan and accept public comments:

August 9, 9am-1pm

Public input received on the 2008 workbook will be accepted through SEPTEMBER 15 and will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Draft Tuolumne River Plan/EIS), scheduled for release in summer 2009. (K. Rylands - 7/7/08)

Announcements

Please join the Planning and Resources Management and Science Divisions in the "Tenaya Lake Area Plan" internal scoping kickoff meeting. All employees are welcome!

When: Monday July 28, 10-Noon

Where: Large Breakroom, El Portal

Brief Project Description: Tenaya Lake is one of the most popular destinations for summer visitors in Yosemite. Problems associated with visitor use, visitor safety, and resource impacts have been occurring for decades. A comprehensive analysis of, and solution to these issues is about to commence. The Tenaya Lake Area Plan will provide for a formal, public analysis of these long-standing issues and will provide a plan to remedy these issues. After the plan is complete, the park will continue with design development and implementation of the solutions identified in the plan. These solutions may include ecological restoration, picnic area improvements, trailhead and parking improvements, comfort stations, and trails. An environmental assessment will be completed as part of this plan. Internal scoping has just begun, and public scoping will begin late summer 2008. (G. Stromberg - 7/23/08)

Records and Files Management Training

The Yosemite National Park Superintendent's Office announces a two-day intensive, hands-on, Records and Files Management training with Susan Ewing Haley, Park Archivist and Records Manager for Golden Gate National Recreation Area. An engaging teacher, Susan has the ability to make the topic real, applicable, and entertaining – and will help you produce measurable results by the end of the training!

Who: For *ANY* park employee involved in producing or handling park records or files documenting park activities, who would like guidance in resolving files management and records backlog issues.

What: A records and files management class including instruction in basic records management philosophy, law, and policy, combined with hands-on exercises in your own work-space, with your own records. By the end of the training, you should be able to:

- Look at a body of records and know what to do with them
- Know how to deal with older temporary records
- Know how to identify and protect records with permanent value

****Special Requirement:** Employees must have full approval and support from supervisors to dedicate the full two days to the training. Class time in the office/workspace must be dedicated to hands-on exercises with your records; it will not be available for regular work tasks. Ideally, employees should be within 15 minutes of their work space to facilitate movement between records and the classroom.

When: Separate courses will be offered at two locations:

El Portal Training – El Portal Large Conference Room

August 4: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

August 5: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

August 18: 1 p.m. – 2 p.m., follow-up conference call with instructor

Yosemite Valley Training – East Auditorium

August 6: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

August 7: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

August 18: 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., follow-up conference call with instructor

Class size is limited. To reserve your space, please call 379-1283 by Thursday July 31. (YoseSupt - 7/24/08)

Pacific West Region Employee Development Training Announcement

Crucial Conversations

August 5, 6, & 7, 2008

Pacific West Regional Office, Oakland, CA

6th floor conference room

Course Description

Do you believe it is possible to talk about anything with anybody at anytime? The authors of the Crucial Conversations training method say, YES. Crucial Conversations helps people develop the skills necessary to discuss difficult topics while improving communication to achieve results. The goal is to perfect our own dialoguing skills to the point where we feel we can talk to nearly anyone about nearly anything—no matter how difficult the subject might be. Participants will learn specific skills for creating common understanding, particularly when the stakes (and emotions) run high. Far from “fixing” others, Crucial Conversations focuses on empowering us to see our role in contributing to successful communication.

Participants will learn to

- Look for signs that communication is breaking down
- Recognize our own style under stress
- Master the stories we tell ourselves about “the other guy”
- Help restore a sense of mutual purpose and respect when we feel dialogue is disintegrating
- Get communication back on track to make better decisions

These skills, while challenging to master, are applicable to all kinds of communications and relationships. Judging from past course evaluations, the practicality and usefulness of this material is evident to everyone. Here are a few comments from the most current evaluations:

- “Excellent training for my skills base. I will definitely be using this material.”
- “The entire NPS should embrace this.”
- “Usually I'm not so enthusiastic about training courses, but this has really resonated with me.”
- “This topic should be taught throughout the service. A great tool!”
- “The best training I've ever received in the NPS.”

NPS staffers Dick Lazeres, Kristina Rylands, Linda Wright and John Slaughter, besides being certified Crucial Conversations trainers, are committed to promoting and growing a Crucial Conversations awareness and practice within the PWR. They believe that many of the most frustrating problems we face are the result of being “stuck”—our inability to have productive conversations and inability to share relevant information that will move us forward.

Crucial Conversations training focuses on building the skills that can lead to breakthroughs in communications and in relationships of all kinds. The authors say that Crucial Conversations training is “not about communication, it is about getting results.”

Instructors

Kristina Rylands, Planning Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

John Slaughter, Facility Manager, Joshua Tree National Park

When?

August 5, 6, & 7, 2008

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thursday

Where?

6th floor conference room, Pacific West Regional Office, Oakland

Who should take this class?

Crucial Conversations training is intended for anyone who wants to improve their ability to have productive conversations to achieve better results, both in their work and personal life. First priority will be given to employees from the regional office and surrounding area parks.

How many can attend?

A maximum of 24 participants

How should employees apply?

For park employees: Park Human Resources staffs are asked to e-mail a **PRIORITIZED** list of their park employees wishing to attend to the course coordinator by July 25, 2008. Please indicate on this e-mail that each nominee's supervisor has approved the nomination. (Training nomination forms are not required for this course.)

Course Coordinator

Pauline Jue, PWRO Regional Human Resources Manager
phone 510-817-1486

Pauline_Jue@nps.gov

To learn more about Crucial Conversations, visit online at <http://www.vitalsmarts.com> (H. Whitman - 7/24/08)

Recent Illness in Tuolumne - Cases of acute gastrointestinal illness have been reported among DNC employees and park visitors in the Tuolumne Meadows area in the past 2 weeks. These illnesses typically spread through contact transmission from infected persons, objects, and/or food.

Please do your part to prevent further spread of illness.

Prevention/control measures

Emphasize frequent hand washing with soap and water for staff and visitors.

Hand sanitizers can be used in addition to, but not as a substitute, for hand washing.

Increased disinfection of environmental surfaces, bathrooms, and high-contact objects (e.g. doorknobs, water taps, phone's, etc)

Ensure supervisors are aware of active GI illness among employees. (R. Farmer - 7/18/08)

Smoking Policy for NPS Workplace & Government Quarters - this policy can be found on Health & Safety's website; click on Policies/Superintendent's Orders. Copies of this policy may be requested through the NPS Safety Office, 379-1079; Administration Office, 379-1007; or the Housing Mgmt. Office, 379-1879. (R. Farmer - 7/18/08)

Are gas prices driving you nutty? Sustainable Action Inc. is proud to announce we have library bikes ready to be checked out through our Bicycle for Alternative Transportation (BAT) project located in El Portal. If you're interested in checking out a free **BAT bike** contact Suzanne Thomas by email: bat.suzanne@gmail.com or phone: (209) 769-2353. Sustainable Action Inc. is a not for profit organization with BAT library bike projects in El Portal and Sacramento, California. (S. Thomas - 7/17/08)

Contracting Office Closure - Please be advised that the Contracting and Procurement office will be closed for internal administrative operations every Wednesday beginning 25 June through the end of the fiscal year. If you experience an unexpected, urgent situation, please contact Dan Sohn at 379-1173. (L. Schafer - 6/20/08)

Drop in program: Come join the Habitat Protectors of Yosemite (HaPY) program! Program runs Fridays from May2-October 31st. Work with park staff to remove invasive plants and learn basic ecological principles. All volunteers are required to wear pants and closed-toe shoes. Long sleeves, sunscreen, water, and snacks are recommended. Meet in front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center at 9am. Bring a lunch and join us! (M. DeBree - 5/1/08)

Reminder: For **all Maintenance repair** requests in Yosemite, please contact the **Customer Service Center**. Maintenance repair requests include: Park Housing, Buildings, Grounds, Utilities, Roads, Trails and Forestry issues. It is especially important to remember to contact the Customer Service Center before any requests for Sign Shop fabrications. You may do so by phone, e-mail or fax.

Please note that the Customer Service Center staff phone numbers have changed:

Phone:

Tiffany Jordan.....379-1058
Lauren Mendez.....379-1144
Bri Summerlin.....379-1428
Katie Brown.....379-1210
Sunshine Good Morning.....379-1065

E-Mail:

YOSE_FMD_Customer_Service_Center@nps.gov

Fax:

(209) 379-1066 (S. Goodmorning - 06/12/08)

The following Yosemite National Park employees have been approved for participation in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

Shari Baudoux
Kevin Bowman
Kimberly Cunningham-Summerfield
Sarah J. Henderson
Linda Kelly
Mike Robertson

If you are interested in contributing annual leave to any of the above individuals, please do so by completing a Request to donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient (Within Agency) Under the Leave Transfer Program, [Optional Form 630-A \(OF 639-A\)](#).

Please forward your OF 630-A to:

Human Resources Office
Yosemite National Park
P.O. Box 700
El Portal, CA 95318
or fax to (209) 379-1800

Click [HERE](#) for more Information on the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. (T. Hawkins - 7/18/08)

HR Corner

Yosemite National Park -- Current Vacancy Announcements

UPDATED: July 23, 2008

The following is a summary of current vacancy announcements at Yosemite National Park. Most vacancy announcements will be posted on <http://www.usajobs.gov>. This website is the Office of Personnel Management's USAJOBS internet site. If you have any questions or cannot find the announcement on USAJOBS, please call the Park's Human Resources Office at (209) 379-1805.

PERMANENT – NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CAREER OR CAREER-CONDITIONAL EMPLOYEES

Dispatcher (Public Safety)

Vacancy Ann.#: YP185669-08-AY

Who May Apply: Status Candidates

Pay Plan: GS-2151-06/07

Appointment Term: Permanent
Job Status: Full-Time
Opening Date: 7/17/2008
Closing Date: 7/31/2008

PERMANENT – GOVERNMENTWIDE ALL CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Maintenance Mechanic (HVAC & Electrician)

Vacancy Ann.#: YP185662-SH-08
Who May Apply: Status Candidates
Pay Plan: WG-4749-10
Appointment Term: Permanent
Job Status: Full-Time
Opening Date: 7/21/2008
Closing Date: 8/1/2008

**PERMANENT -- STATUS NOT REQUIRED – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
LEGAL INSTRUMENTS EXAMINER**

Vacancy Ann.#: YP199555
Who May Apply: Public
Pay Plan: GS-0963-05
Appointment Term: Permanent
Job Status: Full-Time
Opening Date: 7/9/2008
Closing Date: 7/28/2008 * Extended

Maintenance Mechanic (HVAC & Electrician)

Vacancy Ann.#: YP-185663-LSA
Who May Apply: Public
Pay Plan: WG-4749-10
Appointment Term: Permanent
Job Status: Full-Time
Opening Date: 7/21/2008
Closing Date: 8/1/2008 (I. Keheley - 7/24/08)

Community News

Come join the Employee Recreation staff on Monday July 28th and Thursday July 31st for live music at the East Auditorium. Doors open up at 9PM \$3 cover after 9:45 PM so come early. Bring ID and NO Backpacks allowed.

Monday July 28th - Opening up with Isaac Hayden & Special Guest then "ON THE ONE" featuring Jesse Molloy, John Staten, Andy Irvine & Pete Lombardo. . Jazz, funk

Thursday July 31st - (Costume Party) Opening up with DJ Jim McKenzie and then with BLVD & MC SOULEYE. Hip Hop, Electronic, Break Beats.

Hope to see you there! (Y. Cheley - 7/24/08)

Yosemite News Release

July 21, 2008

For Immediate Release

Yosemite National Park And Yosemite Institute Partner for Innovative Field Research Course

The Yosemite Institute and Yosemite National Park will host 18 high school students from across the United States to

initiate the Yosemite Institute's Summer Research course.

The students will participate in ongoing research projects dealing with the park's ecology and management. They will then go on an 8 day backpacking trip to further their studies and record their findings in a scientific journal.

"We are very excited about this unique and innovative partnership. This will give students experience in both field research and backpacking through Yosemite National Park," said Dr. Adam Burns, Field Science Project Manager for the Yosemite Institute.

Students that complete the course are given college credit from Columbia College, in Sonora, California. The perfect antidote to nature deficit disorder, this is student-centered, inquiry-based learning at its most adventurous. They explore beyond the basic natural history of the area learn field research skills that can be transferred to high school, college and beyond.

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Editors Note: Journalists seeking more detailed information about the program or interviews should contact Dr. Adam Burns at 209-379-9511, Ext. 33

Congratulations: The Yosemite Medical Clinic would like to congratulate Linda Lee, FNP and Brian Shoor EMT.

On July 22nd both received awards from Mountain Valley EMS. Linda was recognized as FNP of the year and Brian was the recipient of the EMT of the Year award. Way to go Medical Clinic! (B. Shoor - 7/23/08)

FARMSTAND AT SAL'S

Beginning July 3rd (this week)

Fresh Semi-Local Produce will be available from 5 p.m. until we sell out.

This week we have figs, grapefruit, oranges, apricots, potatoes, kale, dried herbs.

Where does this food come from?

Paloma Pollinators - At Paloma Pollinators we strive for universal health through food production in Amador and Calaveras counties. We spend our time producing the highest quality vegetables for your consumption. We accomplish this without pesticides, herbicides or petro-fertilizers. Our goal is to provide you with the freshest seasonal produce on the path towards individual and planetary health.

Mtn. Meadows Farm (starting July 17)

Community Supported Agriculture – Fresh Local Seasonal Food

Located in Mariposa, CA

Contact: Heather Sullivan 379-2826; heathasulli@yahoo.com

All those involved with this farmstand are volunteering for the benefit of the El Portal community. This service will be available only as community interest and participation exist. (H. Sullivan - 7/3/08)

CPR and First Aid classes are still available for July and August. For professional rescuers and Healthcare providers we'll have an initial CPR class on July 25th and a renewal class on August 14th, both classes will be held at the clinic. For those interested in the first responder level 1st aid and CPR, we have space available on July 15th and August 7th at the clinic or if you are adventurous we'll have a class at May Lake on August 1st. The last 1st aid and CPR class of August will be held over 2 nights in Mariposa on August 22nd and 29th starting at 6 p.m.. To sign up, call the clinic at 372-4637. Classes have a 4 person minimum requirement or they will be cancelled. (B. Shoor - 7/9/08)

Passing of a former employee

Friends,

Mead Hargis died quietly on June 18, 2008 in Salt Lake City after an extended illness. Mead and his wife, Tina, were Little Yosemite Valley

Rangers in the early 1980s and Tuolumne Rangers (both summer and winter) in the late 1980s. A celebration of his vibrant life has been planned for Saturday, August 16th, at 4 pm at Mono Lake County Park near Lee Vining, CA. If you plan to attend the memorial celebration, please RSVP to MeadHargisMemorial@gmail.. This mailbox will also be used to coordinate ride sharing, lodging, and contributions to the outdoor dinner. The celebration will include an outdoor dinner with warm dishes catered, and side dishes and desserts contributed by Mead's friends who live in the area. We hope you'll be able to attend and share stories about Mead's life.

We have set up a web site where you can post your memories and photos of Mead. This website will be a huge comfort to Mead's partner Connie and his two daughters, Heather and Laurel (George). There will be updates about the memorial celebration on the website. The website is <http://meadhargis.last-memories.com>. Some images are not visible in Firefox, so we recommend that you use Internet Explorer. (L. Chow - 7/3/08)

Balanced Rock a foundation for inspired learning

Summer Yoga Class Schedule

Balanced Rock Community Yoga classes have been wonderfully attended and we will continue to offer classes this summer. We are responding to community interest by offering an additional class (Wednesday) that starts at a later time (6pm). Our Monday night classes will continue at the regular time (5:45pm). We look forward to practicing with you.

Time: Monday 5:45pm-7:00pm Wednesday 6:00pm to 7:15pm

Day: Monday and Wednesday Nights *New Night Added!*

Location: El Portal Elementary School

Cost: Free. Donations accepted. All donations support the Community Yoga Class Program and our Scholarship Fund.

JULY

Mon 28 (all classes taught by Jen Meno) 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm

Wed 16, 23, 30 (all classes taught by Heather Sullivan) 6:00pm-7:15pm

AUGUST

Mon 4, 11, 18 (classes taught by Schuyler Greenleaf) 5:45pm-7:00pm

Mon 25 (class taught by Eliza Kerr) 5:45pm-7:00pm

Wed 6, 13, 20 (classes taught by Heather Sullivan) 6:00pm-7:15pm

Wed 27 (class taught by Jen Meno) 6:00pm-7:15pm

Note: instructors are subject to change

Please visit our blog for up to date information on classes and courses: www.balancedrockfoundation.blogspot.com

Contact us:

Web: www.balancedrockfoundation.org Email: info@balancedrockfoundation.org Phone: 209.379.9453 (H. Sullivan - 6/30/08)

Rental: Studio Apt. Located 2 miles from S. Entrance, ok for 1 or 2 people, at end of cul-de-sac, propane heat, paid utilities, no smoking, no pets, asking \$350.00, for more details on furnishings ect. please contact Lou or Carolyn at toneaaa1@msn.com or (please call this # first) (408)842-6884, or (559)692-2159. (N. Ludington - 7/16/08)

Quiet senior lady, term NPS employee, seeking rv space with hookups or 1 bdrm rental in El Portal to Mariposa areas. Contact Kate@LadyKitty.com (K. Karlsson - 7/23/08)

Acting Designation

Sonny Montague is acting Branch Chief for Anthropology and Archeology for the week of July 28.

Scott Jackson is acting for the week of August 4. (L. Kirn - 7/25/08)

Tony Brochini will be Acting Facilities Management, July 25, 2008. He can be reached at 379-1008 or you can leave a message with Rhonda Soden at 372-0286. (R. Soden - 7/25/08)

Brian Martin will be the acting Buildings and Grounds Facility Manager on July 25th 2008. He can be reached at 375-9508 or 379-1061. (T. Hawksley - 7/25/08)

Historical Architect Sueann Brown (379-1222) will be acting Branch Chief for History, Architecture & Landscapes on Friday July 25th. (D. Humphrey - 7/25/08)

Gretchen Stromberg (379-1006) will act as Chief of Planning Friday the 25th. (L. Dahl - 7/24/08)

While assigned as part of the Type II team to the Cactus Fire in Whitehall, MT, Eric Gabriel will be the acting Operations Branch Chief. He can be reached at 379-1896. (C. Cuvelier - 7/21/08)

Tom Medema is Acting Chief of Interpretation & Education July 18 - August 7, 2008. (T. Medema - 7/18/08)

Glen Rothell will be Acting Division Chief of Project Management July 25th. You may phone Glen at his El Portal office at 379-1139 or his Valley office at 372-0429. You may also leave a message with Doyle Harrison at 379-1202. (D. Harrison - 7/1/08)

The Monday and online editions of The Daily Report continue as the long version. The Tuesday - Friday email version will be shortened to include only new and "happening today" information. Please plan your submittals accordingly. To view the long version please visit <http://www.yose.nps.gov/yosenet/intp/daily.htm> (intranet) or <http://www.nps.gov/yose/parknews/upload/daily.pdf> (internet).

We cut and paste submissions and generally do not correct submitted copy. Entries must be in by 7:00am the day of publication. There are no weekend or holiday editions. Submissions: email yose_daily_report@nps.gov

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